



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2013 @ 5:30 pm

Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center
901 N. Virginia, El Paso, TX

MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation Board Advisory Board meeting met on the above date listed.

Members Present:

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino
Francoise A. Feliberti,
Deanne De La Cruz
Theresa Welch Fordham
Adam Gurrola
Ana Roush

Members Absent:

Dave Turner
Ralph Cloud

Member Vacancies: 1 - District 4

Audience:

Sylvia Carreon, Lomaland Neighborhood Association President.

Staff Present:

Tracy Novak, Parks Interim Director
Steven Lunsford, General Services Land Management Superintendent
Victor Rivera, General Services Facilities Superintendent
Wright Stanton, Aquatics Manager
Andrea Schiechl, Aquatics Community Center Supervisor
Nicol Sarrette, Aquatics Supervisor
Stacey Wright, Aquatics Community Center Supervisor

AGENDA:

1. **Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order**

Tracy Novak called for a motion to elect a Chair to run the board meeting since Mr. Dave Turner, Chair, was unable to attend the meeting and the Vice Chair position is currently vacant.

Theresa Welch Fordham made a motion to nominate Jennifer Barr-Ardovino to serve as Chair, and Ana Roush seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimous.

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2013**

Theresa Welch Fordham made a motion to accept the Minutes with the following modifications:

Page 4 – Paragraph 4, correct misspelled name – should read Francoise.

Page 4- Paragraph 3, 2nd sentence, comment made by Theresa Welch Fordham should read: "The only class she found was at the Gary Del Palacio Center however the class was being taught in Spanish **even though she was guaranteed that it was a bilingual class.**"

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino seconded her motion. Motion was carried unanimous.

3. **Call to Public (for items on the agenda)** – No comments

4. **Agenda Item #4. Parks & Recreation Calendar and Newsletter:** Tracy Novak, Interim Director, highlighted the following items on the calendar events and newsletter:

- Dog Day Swimming event on September 7 and 8.
- Drowning Prevention Coalition Fundraiser Luncheon.
- Youth Football Program
- After School Programs
- Happy Grandparents Day celebrated on Sunday, September 8.
- Art in the Park will be held at Memorial Park on September 21 & 22.

5. **Agenda Item #5 – Discussion: General Services Report on Maintenance Activities**

Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent, provided the following updates:

- a) The installations of the Maxicom Software, phone line and modem have been completed.
- b) The Division is checking for fund availability to purchase flow valves for the irrigation system.
- c) Reported second weather station is now on-line on the Texas ET Network and Division is working with Rain Bird Sprinkler Systems, Inc. to get six additional weather stations on the ET Network.

Victor Rivera, Facility Maintenance Superintendent, reported the following:

- a) Division was busy dealing with vandalism problems at park facilities during the summer months.
- b) With the new budget year beginning, the division will continue to focus their resources towards routine parks and facility maintenance.

6. **Discussion and Action:** Election of Officers for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Chair, reviewed the terms for each board member. It was noted that several member's terms are expiring in October 2013. Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Chair, called for a motion to delay this item until next month.

Motion was made by Theresa Fordham Welch, and seconded by Francoise Feliberti. Motion passed unanimous.

7. **Presentation and Action:** Aquatics Program – Usage and Participation (Wright Stanton)
Presentation provided by Wright Stanton, Aquatics Manager. Mr. Stanton provided a brief overview of the Aquatics Department pool allocation priorities and swimwear policy.

Discussion ensued in reference to the different types of swimwear allowed under the current Swimwear policy.

Jennifer Barr-Ardovino made a motion to approve the Swimwear Policy with the following modifications:

- 1) Female pool users must wear an authorized **swim suit**, such as fitness, tankinis, etc.
- 2) Male pool users must wear an authorized **swim suit**, such as fitness, jammer, etc.
- 3) Clothing such as cut-offs, sports wear, underwear, and under garments is not permitted as swimwear. T-shirts may not be worn. **Rash Guards may be worn at outdoor facilities only.**

Francoise Feliberti seconded the motion.

Point of discussion: Theresa Fordham Welch recommended items 1 & 2 be amended to read **“authorized swimwear”**.

Motion was amended to read as follows:

- 1) Female pool users must wear an authorized **swimwear**, such as fitness, tankinis, etc.
- 2) Male pool users must wear an authorized **swimwear**,
- 3) Clothing such as cut-offs, sports wear, underwear, and under garments is not permitted as swimwear. T-shirts may not be worn. **Rash Guards may be worn at outdoor facilities only.**

Motion passed 5 to 1 (Theresa Fordham Welch opposed).

8. Reports on Recent Activity

- a) Recent/Upcoming City Council Agenda Items List: August 20, 2013 - Resolution regarding the Service and Assessment Plan for El Paso Public Improvement District No. 1 (Thunder Canyon).
- b) Upcoming Committee Meeting List: OSAB meeting – September 11, 2013.
- c) Recent Land Acquisitions: Update provided on recent land acquisitions for the Las Palmas Park on Pendale Street and the recreation/library combo on Alameda Street.
- d) Parks & Recreation Construction Projects List: Handout provided with latest project updates.

9. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed). No action necessary

10. Discussion: Identify items for Future Agendas

- Design guidelines for park projects outside El Paso city limits
- Review FY2014 Parks & Recreation Department’s budget
- Clarification on Field Permit Rental
- Cost analysis on copying & mailing board packets

11. Adjournment: Motion made by Adam Gurrola, seconded by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:27 pm.